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## NEW SOCIETY ADDRESS:

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### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Summer is here, and it a great time to enjoy the outdoors, gardening, cutting firewood for the next New England winter or maybe enjoying a trip to place you have never visited before. It is a great time to do genealogical research: such as visiting old cemeteries, locating family homesteads (sometimes quite far off of the beaten path), but most importantly it is a great time of year spend time with family, both living and generations long since past.

NERGC 2017: Using the Tools of Today & Tomorrow to Understand the Past held at the MassMutual Center in Springfield, Massachusetts, on April 26-29, 2017, was a great success. The total attendance was a record of 1050, exceeding all previous conferences. A personal special thank you to Carolyn Adams, Bob Murphy, John Leppman, Judy Goss and Michael Dwyer, for providing much needed volunteer time for GSV. There were many excellent speakers from all over the county, and our sponsored speaker, Vermont Genealogv editor Michael F. Dwyer, FASG, was engaging and very informative. His talk was entitled: Half-truths and Lies: Why Records **Are Wrong**. The GSV booth in the Exhibit Hall did record business in selling back issues of Vermont Genealogy and other GSV publications, plus duplicate Vermontonia items from John A. Leppman's collection. Planning is already well underway for NERGC 2019:

> INDEX TO BRANCHES & TWIGS, 1972—1995 by Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7.

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Family -- A Bridge to the Past and a Link to the Future. We look forward to seeing you in Manchester, N.H. on April 3-6, 2019. So make a note of the date now, it is less than two years away. Congratulations to John A. Leppman, GSV's publication chair and NERGC delegate for being elected for a second term as NERGC President. Please note that there will be an increase in the number of volunteer hours that each participating society must contribute from 20 to 25 hours. If you are attending NERGC 2019 please consider helping GSV by volunteering. We would greatly appreciate it.

The other event that GSV has participated in from its inception was the Vermont Historical Society (VHS) sponsored Vermont History Expo at the Tunbridge World's Fair Grounds. We have long been a fixture, just inside the door, in the Floral Hall. Unfortunately it appears that it will not being taking place in June 2018. We received notice from VHS that stated the following. "After conducting an indepth review and inquiry over the last ten months, the Board of Trustees have decided to suspend Vermont History Expo, effective immediately." Expo was certainly a costly endeavor and very taxing on the VHS staff and volunteers, so the decision is not surprising. I will certainly miss the interaction with people. Perhaps someday Expo will return in some form.

Please note that GSV is changing our mailing address, for the first time in eleven years. All publication orders, meeting registrations and any other correspondence (*excepting memberships see page 8 for details*) must now be sent to: **Genealogical Society of Vermont, 2962 Vermont Route 12A, Braintree, VT 05060-8779**. We will no longer be using the post office box in Randolph. There are various reasons for eliminating having post office box

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According to the Vermont Vital Record Card Index a female child named Amalie Burnap, daughter of John and Candace Burnap, was born in Windham, Vt., on April 30, 1799. (upper left) However a family group record in the town records lists this birth as "A male infant born April 30<sup>th</sup> 1799" the following line reads "Departed this life in Seven hours." [Windham, Vt., Town Records, 1: 12] (lower left) This appears to be simply a transcription error in misreading the handwriting when the original record was copied in accordance with Act No. 92 of 1919. Unfortunately "Amalie Burnap" was subsequently mentioned in published Burnap genealogy. [Henry Wyckoff Belknap, The Burnap-Burnett Genealogy (Salem, Mass.: Essex Institute, 1925), 134.] Proving that the information was copied from the Vermont Vital Card Index and not the original town records.

John Burnap<sup>5</sup> (1762-1812) (Ebenezer<sup>4</sup> Ebenezer,<sup>3</sup> Thomas,<sup>2</sup> Thomas,<sup>1</sup>) married Candace Bliss (1764-1846) in Royalston, Mass., on 1 April 1790. [Vital Records of Royalston, Massachusetts, To the end of the year 1849 (Worcester, Mass.: Franklin P. Rice: 1906), 87, 93.] Both are buried in the family plot in the Windham Center Cemetery.

Another item in the family group record corrects a error made in the above mentioned Burnap Genealogy. "Uzziah Burnap the son of Ebenezer and Mary Burnap of Sutton State of Massachusetts departed this life June 16-1793 at the house of john Burnap in Windham formerly Londonderry whom he made executor to his last will and Testament." However, the Burnap Genealogy states that Uzziah Burnap (1764-1793), died in Hinsdale, N.H. [The Burnap-Burnett Genealogy, 135] His grave is also the earliest date in the Windham Center Cemetery. Though the neoclassical design of the stone suggests that it was probably erected around the time of his brother's death in 1812.

Jonathan W. Stevens

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and the GSV Board has decided that this is best course of action.

A reminder to all members, please make sure that GSV has your most up-to-date contact information. If you have had a recent change in address or have a new email, let us know. Also you are a long-time member, and are not on our current email list, but would like to be, please contact us. Send any changes in your mailing address and email to our membership chair Diantha Howard at: <u>diantha.howard@uvm.edu</u>. Also let her know if you would like to receive the GSV Newsletter electronically, in lieu of the paper edition. Receiving the electronic PDF version has the advantages that it many times contains color and when you receive the Newsletter in that form, GSV saves the expense of printing and mailing the paper edition

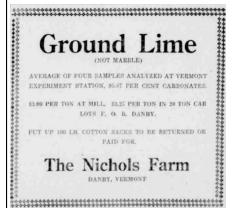
GSV has recently received the news that the Vermont French-Canadian Genealogical Society is looking for a new location for their Vermont Genealogical Library, as they are being forced to leave their current location at Fort Ethan Allen in Colchester. We wish the society the very best.

GSV's fall membership meeting will be held on October 28, 2017, at the Williamstown Masonic Lodge. The speakers will be: Michael F. Dwyer, FASG: *The Importance of Complete Civil War Pensions*. Michael J. Haugh, MD: *The 1778 Battle of Sherburne: At Peirson's Farm* and John A. Leppman, MD: *What Your Vermont Ancestors Read in the Newspaper*. We hope to see you there. Look for further details in the next Newsletter.

We extend our condolences to our Newsletter Coordinator Randy Brown on the passing of his father Robert E. Brown this last June. Our heart goes out to Randy, and we thank him for all the help that he provides GSV.

Finally, the latest issue of *Vermont Genealogy* Fall 2016 [21: 2] should have arrived in GSV members' mailboxes by the time you read this message.

Jonathan W. Stevens, President



The Manchester Journal, issue 6 April. 1916, p. 8.

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# DO YOU HAVE AN EARLY MORMON MISSIONARY IN YOUR FAMILY TREE?

SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH, 13 July 2017, FamilySearch announced the release of a fun new feature that connects you with ancestors of Utah pioneers who served missions in the first hundred years of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The Early Mormon Missionaries database, announced at RootsTech 2016 by Elder Steven E. Snow, is a collaborative effort between FamilySearch, the Church History Library, and the Church's Missionary Department to match FamilySearch users' family trees with the database to identify early missionaries. If the feature finds a match, you will see digital images of your missionary ancestor's call and acceptance letters, mission journals, and possibly even photos. FamilySearch is a free service. (Find and share this announcement online in the FamilySearch Newsroom).

Over 1.1 million LDS members have connections to the information in the database, but you don't need to be a Mormon to have ancestral ties to the global Church. The Early Mormon Missionaries database includes records of over 40,000 Church missionaries that served between 1830 and 1930. The feature contains resources like bios, setting-apart information, call letters, mission journals, registries, and photos. You can also contribute additional information your family might have about your missionary ancestor.

To see if you are a descendant of early Mormon missionaries, visit the Early Mormon Missionaries database. You will view a personalized page that reveals the identities and stories of any of your early missionary ancestors.

The calls to serve and corresponding letters of acceptance give insight into the lives of these faithful people. Most of them lived in poor circumstances and were married with children. Many had travelled long distances and were establishing their homes when they received their letter to serve a mission. In their written replies to the Church, examples of great faith mixed with incredible hardships were depicted. Some explained their financial problems and requested time to clear up any debts or finish school or to deal with family urgencies. But they accepted in impressive numbers, serving in the US and abroad. Some served two or three times while their faithful wives and families held down the home front during already difficult times.

Julia Samuelson Curtis (Western States Colorado Mission March 1905–November 1906) was a young widow when she faithfully accepted her call to serve a mission in 1905. Her late husband was called to serve a mission in Samoa but died unexpectedly. Following his death and the stillborn birth of their child, she felt the desire to serve the mission he was unable to fulfill and requested to serve in his stead. (Read her letter to President Joseph F. Smith requesting a mission call to Samoa.) She served in Colorado, where she would be ultimately introduced to her future (second) husband, a widower in similar circumstances who had previously served in the same mission.

Online visitors will find an interactive map showcasing the expansion of LDS missions from 1830 to 1930 and highlighting where ancestors served, video stories from designer Rhona Farrer and others talking about their family's missionary heritage, and a link to fun family activities about missionary service.

"Taking historic databases, like the Early Mormon Missionary collection, and mapping them against FamilySearch users' family trees online to create new, interesting, personalized discoveries for them has increased users' engagement in their family history dramatically," said Allison Hadley, FamilySearch campaign manager for the project.

FamilySearch.org Press Release

Special Summer Sale \$10

GSV Special Publication Number 13

### VITAL RECORDS OF SPRINGFIELD, VERMONT

by Scott Andrew Bartley

Back Issues available: for \$10, plus \$3.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy

### The Transcribed Vital Records From the Following Books of Springfield Town Records:

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Town Acts, Vol. 3 [marriages 1817-1843]
Births & Deaths, Vol. 4 [births and deaths, 1764-1870]

### VERMONT NEWSPAPER MICROFILM TRANSFERRED TO VSARA

In an effort to improve access, preservation, and service, the Vermont Department of Libraries will transfer the collection of Vermont newspapers on microfilm to the Vermont State Archives and Records Administration (VSARA) on July 20, 2017. Researchers that use the newspaper collections often travel a circuit between VSARA in Middlesex and the Department of Libraries in Montpelier as they proceed in their research. By moving this collection of newspapers on microfilm to VSARA, the natural synergies between newspapers and historical records will be amplified by having both in the same location. The proximity of the collections should improve access for the public and may lead to new lines of inquiry and a deeper understanding of the historical record of Vermont.

VSARA is located at 1078 Route 2, Middlesex, VT 05602. Reference room hours are 9 AM to 4 PM, Monday through Friday.

Tom McMurdo Assistant State Librarian



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On September 1, 2017, **FamilySearch** will discontinue its microfilm distribution services. (The last day to order microfilm will be on August 31, 2017.) The change is the result of significant progress in FamilySearch's microfilm digitization efforts and the obsolescence of microfilm technology. Digital imaging has made it easier to find ancestors through the internet, mobile, and other technologies. See <a href="https://familysearch.org/ask/faq#overview">https://familysearch.org/ask/faq#overview</a> for twelve commonly asked questions about the replacement of microfilm with digital access.

Summer Half Price Sale \$15

GSV Special Publication Number 4

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records

plus \$4.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy

This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the town. All the civil books were transcribed as well as the records from the Georgia Plains Baptist Church, Congregational Church, and Methodist Church of Georgia and North Fairfax.



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The society offers the following publications for purchase by our members and readers. GSV members receive a 10% discount on the purchase price. Postage and handling is extra—please add \$4.50 for the first item and \$1.00 for each additional item in the same order to the same address. Mail your checks, payable to GSV, to:

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Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 1 is out of print.

**Vermont Families in 1791, Vol. 2.** Scott A. Bartley, ed., 1997, 304 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 5; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This second volume covers 107 families, has improved formatting and more complete information on the third generation of early Vermonters.

*Vital Records of Putney, Vermont to the Year 1900*. Compiled and edited by Ken Stevens, 1992, 406 pp. Item No. GSV 2; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. This is a complete compilation from all primary sources available in the town. This is augmented by the ministerial records of the pastors who served as early as 1776. *out of print.* 

Vital Records of Rockingham, Vermont and the Records of the First Church of Rockingham. Reprinted from the 1902 and 1908 first editions, newly indexed by Christopher T. Norris and Scott A. Bartley, 323 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 3; \$27.00 members, \$30.00 non-members. Reprinted from the first editions of 1908 and 1902, this is an important source of one of Vermont's oldest towns. The town records extend to 1845 and church records from 1773 to 1839. New to this edition is an index of nearly 1,000 names. out of print.

Georgia, Vermont Vital Records. Peter S. Mallet, ed., 1995, hardbound. Item No. GSV 4; \$15.00 summer sale price through Sept. 1, 2017. This volume presents all births, baptisms, marriages, deaths and burials recorded in the town. All

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Windsor County, Vermont Probate Index, 1778-1899. Scott Andrew Bartley and Marjorie-J. Bartley, compilers, 2000, 560 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 6; \$45.00 members, \$50.00 nonmembers. This is a comprehensive index of all files in the Windsor County Probate Court Districts —Windsor and Hartford. The records cover the period from the earliest 1778 records through the end of the nineteenth century, more than 20,000 probate files. The files are indexed by the name of the major party in the case, place of residence, probate district, type of record, year, and probate record volume.

*Index to Branches & Twigs, 1972—1995.* Robert M. Murphy, ed. 2000, 572 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 7; **\$20.00 summer sale price through Sept. 1, 2017**. This is the every-name index to GSV's Branches & Twigs, published for 24 years in 96 issues. The 180,000 entries include every genealogically important name mentioned in every issue. Separate sections of this work list the coverage of each Apple Orchard installment, and provide a full author and title index to book reviews. Branches & Twigs included large quantities of information of interest to family historians.

**Sudbury, Vermont: Genealogies, Vital Records, and Census Records.** Mary Ann Z. Wheeler, 2000, 416 pp., hardbound. Item No. GSV 8; \$44.55 members, 49.50 non-members. This book is a comprehensive transcription of census and vital records for Sudbury, plus carefully compiled genealogies of families. This book is among the very best genealogical resources about a Vermont town. This is a cooperative publication between GSV and Picton Press.

A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition. John A. Leppman, 2005, soft-bound. Item No. GSV 11; \$9.00 members, \$10.00 nonmembers. (Mail orders should add \$1.50 for postage and handling, not the \$3.50 normally charged.) This is a new edition of A Bibliography for Vermont Genealogy was released in April 2005. It includes more listings than the first edition, most published since 2000. It is keyed to Scott Andrew Bartley's Genealogies Found in Vermont Histories (Vol. 10, No. 1 of Vermont Genealogy, also designated GSV publication number 10.).

*Index to the History and Map of Danby, Vermont,* Compiled by Joann H. Nichols. (1998), softbound, Item No. D1; \$3.50, plus \$1.50 shipping for the first copy and \$1.00 for each additional copy. An index to J[*ohn*] C. Williams, History and Map of Danby, Vermont (Rutland, Vt., 1869; reprinted S.L. Griffith Library, 1976). **Limited Number Available.** 

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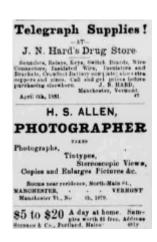
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